

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

May 2013 – Week 4

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TITLE: TEXAS NAZIS ATTACK MEXICO

MAY 1947 AND NAZIS ATTACK MEXICO... FROM TEXAS?

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MAY 29, 1947. FORT BLISS, EL PASO. BROUGHT HERE BY THE U.S. ARMY TOP SECRET "OPERATION PAPERCLIP," MORE THAN 100 CAPTURED NAZI ROCKET SCIENTISTS ARRIVE TO WORK ON THE U.S. MISSILE PROGRAM.

LED BY WERNER VON BRAUN, THE GERMANS STUDY AND LAUNCH CAPTURED V-2 ROCKETS AT NEARBY WHITE SANDS, NEW MEXICO.

TONIGHT, A ROCKET LIFTS FROM THE PAD THEN VEERS OFF COURSE, ROARING OVER FIESTA-GOERS IN NEARBY JUAREZ. THE MISSILE SLAMS INTO A HILLSIDE CEMETERY, MAKING A HOLE FIFTY FEET WIDE AND TWO DOZEN DEEP.

NO ONE IS HURT, BUT SOME JOKE IT'S THE FIRST NAZI ATTACK ON MEXICO FROM A SECRET BASE IN THE U.S.

FORMER NAZIS FROM TEXAS FLEW A ROCKET INTO MEXICO 66 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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